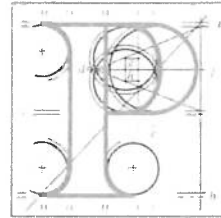


Our Case Number: ACP-324069-26



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Eoghan Dockrell
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Donabate
Co. Dublin

Date: 13 March 2026

Re: Proposed development under sections 175 and 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2005 (as amended) for proposed coastal and flood risk management works. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) and an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

Burrow, Portrane, County Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,


An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it or approved it with conditions.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,


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Observation in Support of Planning Application relating to coastal protection measures at Burrow, Portrane: Case Number: 324069

I'm writing this observation as someone from Portrane who grew up in the Burrow and witnessed first-hand the destructive, negative impacts of continuous erosion over the years on Portrane beach. The coastal protection measures, detailed in this planning application, are critically important to ensure that the erosion is halted. Some of the main benefits for Portrane include:

1. These measures will offer protection to many properties along Portrane Beach, reducing the risk of further damage to homes.
2. These coastal protection measures should also halt the erosion of the shoreline and remaining dunes. The proposals, as part of this planning application, have been developed alongside environmental assessments to ensure that the remaining natural coastal environment and habitats aren't harmed by these protection works.
3. These measures will offer protection against sea level rise and increased storm intensity and frequency, which is becoming a more common occurrence nationally and internationally.
4. The momentum that a successful application will have cannot be understated and this project can be used as a template for future applicants where other coastal communities are facing similar erosion. This project can only be seen as a positive for nearby communities as similar proposals can be considered for these areas in the future, once we can demonstrate that these completed coastal protection measures are effective at halting erosion of our coastline.

A significant amount of time and resources have gone into reaching this point where a comprehensive application has now been submitted for permanent coastal protection measures. Officials in Fingal County Council, hired consultants with expertise in coastal protection and most importantly of all, community activists, have worked and campaigned for years to get to this point.

It is critically important that this application is approved so that construction can commence as soon as possible. The coastal protection measures, which are Y-shaped groynes running down parts of Portrane beach, will appear as low-profile, angled coastal arms reaching into the sea from the shoreline. These groynes will be designed to work with natural sediment movement and the design also proposes bringing in additional sand from offshore to raise beach elevation and counteract storm erosion.

As stated, a significant amount of expertise and time has gone into preparing this planning application and it's important that this process to commencement of construction happens without delay, as storms will continue to erode the coastline in the months and years before completion of these protection measures. Therefore, I welcome this application and support all other positive observations submitted to An Bord Pleanála

Eoghan Dockrell

County Councillor

Fingal County Council

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